

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

~~Disclosed is a~~ A face support control system as used in conjunction with an underground mining system is described. The mining system generally includes a mining machine, a conveyor, one or more support shields, an array of control devices for controlling the operation of the support shields, one or more communication devices in communication with the support shields, and a face master control. The control system utilizes radio communication between the communication devices and the face master control.